

*From Mrs. (Rev.) W. T. Currie.*

CISAMBA, May 20, 1896.

DEAR MRS. NASMITH, — In preparing the report of the Senior Boys' and Girls' Schools for the Annual Meeting, held at Kamundongo, I omitted to keep a copy. It may interest you, however, to know some of the items concerning the work.

The year closed with thirty names on the roll; three were promoted from the Junior School. One was taken from us by death—a quiet, intelligent lad—he was also a member of Mr. Currie's Catechism class. Four boys are suspended for a time. We are deeply thankful that they only of all the boys in both schools seem to have been seriously affected by the general unrest caused by the high wages offered by the many neighboring traders—the temptation to earn three or four times the amount of cloth he would earn in the Industrial School in a given time—is a very great one to an ambitious lad. The school work suffered many interruptions during the past year, and yet, generally, the young men have made good, steady progress. The pastor and three evangelists, being occupied in work among the villages, can only attend schools two or three days in the week, so we are planning out for them a special course of study which they can pursue at their leisure while away on preaching tours. We trust that soon the way may be opened so that they can start schools in the distant villages. The books in use have been: Gospel of Luke, Acts of the Apostles, Romans and Corinthians, Epistles (Galatians to Jude), Psalms (first fifty). Perhaps the most encouraging feature is the increasing desire of the lads to enquire into the meaning of what they read. Arithmetic is really enjoyed by some of the young men, especially since some traders at the coast made some complimentary remarks on a few simple calculations made by our lads. Still we do not think this present generation will produce mathematicians of any notoriety. The Senior Girls' School has now nineteen scholars; four of these were promoted during the year from the Junior School. Nine of the young women are married, but their home duties have not quenched their desire to learn.

The books in use this past year have been. Gospels of John, Mark and Luke. Arithmetic is not yet a favorite subject with the girls. At the close of school a short time is spent in the study of the Catechism, except on Wednesdays, when the weekly afternoon prayer meeting is held.

In October Miss Maggie Melville began to assist in both schools, thus lightening the work and increasing its efficiency.

The faith of our young people is being sorely tried. Withi